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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN

1. DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN PAID OFFICIAL VISIT TO ICELAND APRIL 13-16 IN ONE OF CONTINUING SERIES OF NORDIC EXCHANGES. ANDERSEN MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AGUSTSSON, AND PAID COURTESY CALLS ON PRESIDENT ELDJARN, PM HALLGRIMSSON, AND MAYOR OF REYKJAVIK. MFA SOURCE NOTED THAT DISCUSSIONS COVERED ECONOMIC CONCERNS OF BOTH COUNTRIES, DENMARK'S VIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE EC, AND STRENGTHENING OF CULTURAL TIES BY FURTHERING DANISH STUDIES IN ICELANDIC SCHOOLS.

2. MOST SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF VISIT AND HELPFUL FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW WAS ANDERSEN'S STRONG SUPPORT OF ICELAND'S ROLE IN NATO DURING APRIL 14 PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH GAVE HIM OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF ICELAND FOR COMMON SECURITY. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION AT PRESS CONFERENCE ANDERSEN NOTED THAT DENMARK WAS

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OPPOSED TO ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND DID NOT FEEL THAT SPECIAL ATTENTION PAID TO ERW WAS JUSTIFIED. DENMARK WOULD NOT PERMIT STATIONING OF ANY NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON ITS SOIL DURING PEACETIME, AND ANDERSEN HOPED THAT SOVIET TROOP WITHDRAWALS FROM CENTRAL EUROPE WOULD OBVIATE NEED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF PRODUCTION OF WARHEAD. IN ANY CASE, ULTIMATE DECISION WAS FOR USG

ALONE TO MAKE.

3. ANDERSEN WAS ALSO ASKED ABOUT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN DENMARK AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF EC, AND PROSPECTS FOR HOME RULE IN GREENLAND. IN RESPONSE TO LATTER, ANDERSEN NOTED THAT BILL TO GIVE GREATER AUTONOMY TO GREENLAND WILL BE BEFORE DANISH PARLIAMENT IN FALL AND THAT GREENLAND'S POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT SHOULD FOLLOW COURSE OF THAT IN FAROES.

4. ANDERSEN, WHO VISITED WESTMANN ISLANDS, EGILSSTADUR, AND OTHER PARTS OF COUNTRY, RECEIVED EXTENSIVE NEWS COVERAGE DURING VISIT. OTHER THAN STRAIGHT NEWS REPORTING, ONLY COMMENTARY APPEARED IN INDEPENDENCE PARTY DAILY MORGUNBLADID WHICH NOTED IMPORTANCE OF DANISH INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS AS PART OF MAINTAINING STRONG NORDIC TIES.
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